

**Minutes – Joint Meeting
Security Committee- Hollywood Entertainment District, Sunset and Vine BID
October 8, 2009**

Attendance: HED Committee Members Present: John Tronson, Chairperson; Hilary Royce, Thaddeus Smith. Not Present: Carol Massie, Dan Chismire. SVBID Committee Members Present: Travis Serpa, Chairperson; Richard Falzone, Brian Folb, Fabio Conti, Fred Rosenthal. Not Present: None. Liaisons: Steve Seyler, Bill Farrar, Mike Harkins, Michael Lippiatt, Andrews International; Sgt. Bill Mattison, Deputy Billy Lynch, LASD; Angela Motta, CD-13; Will Rivera, Office of the City Attorney. Staff: Kerry Morrison, Joe Mariani Jr., Hollywood Property Owners Alliance. Guest: Carol Dunn, Matthew Dunn, Kushmart; Clark Baker, OMSJ.

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairperson Travis Serpa at 9:12 a.m.
- II. Public Comment: Matthew Dunn and Clark Baker gave an overview to the committee of how Kushmart, a medical marijuana dispensary in the BID, handles their day to day operations. Dunn informed the committee that Kushmart is trying to be a responsible neighbor and is willing the help properly train other dispensaries on how to operate.
- III. Minutes: **[for Sunset] It was moved by Richard Falzone, seconded by Brian Folb and CARRIED to approve the minutes from the Joint Security Committee's September 10, 2009 meeting. Unanimously approved.**
[for Hollywood] It was moved by Thaddeus Smith, seconded by Hilary Royce and CARRIED to approve the minutes from the Joint Security Committee's July 9, 2009 and September 10, 2009 meetings. Unanimously approved.

IV. New Business

A. Review of Non-Lethal Use of Force Options Available to BID Patrol: Michael Lippiatt, Director of Training, for Andrews International reviewed with the board four options for the officers to have available in the event a situation in the BID would escalate and non-lethal force would be needed to neutralize a suspect. The four non-lethal options that were reviewed were:

- PR24 Baton
- Asp
- X26 Taser
- Remington 870 Shotgun (loaded with non-lethal rounds)

Lippiatt reviewed the pros and cons for each individual weapon with the committee. The committee after hearing the explanations for each weapon, determined that the X26 taser was the best option as it would record sound and video when engaged and could be less physically damaging to a suspect than a baton/asp or a bean bag round from the shotgun. Morrison and Farrar reviewed the cost for the X26 with the committee. Fred Rosenthal asked that the staff check and make sure that the BID's insurance carrier had no issues with the officers carrying tasers.

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[for Sunset] It was moved by Brian Folb, seconded by Richard Falzone and CARRIED to amend contract between CHC and Andrews International (Section 2 (b) - Uniforms and Equipment) to provide for access to non-lethal taser weapons for BID Security Officers, the tasers would be purchased by the BID, amortized over a period of time and divided on a 66/34 cost split, where the Hollywood BID would pay for 66% of the costs and the Sunset BID pay the remaining 34%. Andrews International would take ownership of the taser units. Unanimously approved.

[for Hollywood] It was moved by Thaddeus Smith, seconded by Hilary Royce and CARRIED to amend contract between HPOA and Andrews International (Section 2 (b) - Uniforms and Equipment) to provide for access to non-lethal taser weapons for BID Security Officers, the tasers would be purchased by the BID, amortized over a period of time and divided on a 66/34 cost split, where the Hollywood BID would pay for 66% of the costs and the Sunset BID pay the remaining 34%. Andrews International would take ownership of the taser units. Unanimously approved.

V. Reports

A. Report from Andrews International: Steve Seyler discussed with the Committee his report and reviewed a recent meeting he had attended with Mitch O'Farrell of CD-13, LAPD and representatives of the Hollywood and Highland complex to discuss the issue of illegal CD vending. Seyler also briefed the Committee on notable arrests that had occurred within the two BIDs over the past month.

B. Report from LAPD: Not present.

C. Report from City Attorney: Will Rivera informed the board that he had met with several people including, Leron Gubler regarding the illegal CD vending occurring outside the Hollywood and Highland complex. Rivera said he thinks the next steps may be to form a small subcommittee to look at the issue and create a solution for the problem. Rivera and Joe Mariani let the Committee know that with the help of Andrews International a survey was taken of the tour companies currently operating in Hollywood. In working with the California Public Utilities Commission it was determined that six operators were currently in violation. These operators' information was sent to the PUC office by Will Rivera and will be investigated. Lastly, Rivera said he is beginning to look into a vacant building ordinance. The City Attorney's office is also looking into several robberies that have recently occurred at marijuana clinics in the city and will be sending letters to those clinics that are continuing to operate illegally asking them to cease operations.

D. Report from LA County Sheriff: Deputy Lynch informed the Committee that the burglaries into motor vehicles had been on the rise in the area around the Universal Studios Red Line Station. The Sheriffs had also made three arrests for robbery this past month, these occurring at the Western and North Hollywood Red Line Stations.

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A. Halloween: Morrison reported that she had attended a second meeting involving law enforcement planning for Halloween, and has gone on record as saying she does not agree with the CHP's plan to not close the Highland 101 Freeway off ramp for the night of 10-31-2009 as a preventative measure. The goal this year is to keep all streets open to vehicle traffic to promote business that evening. Morrison has argued that mitigating the traffic coming south on Highland may help to alleviate congestion, by shifting vehicle traffic to the eastern portion of the BID. Morrison has reached out to LADOT, CD-4 and CD-13 to seek their opinions on the matter. The next meeting is October 15, 2009.

B. SEIU Letter: Morrison informed the committee that she had recently received a letter from SEIU informing her that they are trying to unionize Andrews International officers. Morrison had forwarded the letter to both board's executive committees. Both committees felt that it was an issue between Andrews International and SEIU and that the boards would stay out of it for the time being. Bill Farrar stated that Andrews International officers were, and have always been, paid and provided benefits above union standards.

VII. Next Meeting: The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, November 12, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in Suite 200 of the Taft Building (1680 Vine Street, Los Angeles, CA. 90028).

VIII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by Committee Chairpersons Travis Serpa and John Tronson at 10:34 a.m.